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know Bob Crosby. I would only hope that other people in the future would pick up Bob's causes, that they would pick up Bob's ability and his one great trait, and that was that smile, that wonderful smile; that instead of being grumpy or cross, being angry, you smile and try to do something positive. He did that for state government and I would hope that we would imitate that in the future. The state has been well served by Bob Crosby and will be well served to imitate him in the future. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Schimek, you are recognized to speak on LR 292.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I know that Senator Crosby and her family are probably watching this morning, and it is very difficult to talk about Bob Crosby without talking about LaVon Crosby, too, because they were so much, have always been so much a strong couple, a caring couple, a loving couple, and it showed in their relationship and it showed in the things that they did. LaVon and I came into this Legislature together and we always had an abiding friendship because Bob and LaVon were the kind of people who supported you, even when they didn't always agree with what you thought or what you said or what you stood for, although I have to say agreement was strong most of the time. What I guess I would like to just mention to you today, and I think it's reflective of the kind of person that Bob was. The first, the first season, the first Christmas holiday season when I came into the Legislature, Senator Landis had a little group of Lincoln senators over to his home that evening just to...just for friendship and to have a discussion of some of the issues, and just to get better acquainted, really. And I got into the most interesting conversation with Bob Crosby that night. I've never really had a chance to talk with him about it, but when I was younger, I was always so interested in the Duane Earl Pope case. I never quite could understand what happened to this young man and why he took the course that he did when, seemingly, his life was a good one. And he was a good student, he was a good citizen, and all of a sudden he was robbing banks. And I didn't know until that evening, I don't even know how the subject came up, but I didn't know until that evening, didn't remember that Bob Crosby had been Duane Earl Pope's attorney. And he told me a little